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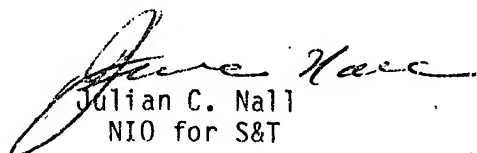
NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR

During our conversation on 22 November, you asked my opinion about producing an unclassified version of NIE 11-12-83, Prospects for Soviet Military Technology and R&D. I said that I would like to check into the matter before giving you an answer.

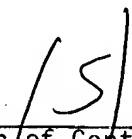
I have talked with [ ] Larry Gershwin, and others and it is my opinion that producing such a version is an excellent idea and that it could be done without divulging sources and methods. Most of the Key Judgments could be stated at an unclassified level and there would remain sufficient unclassified backup information in the body of the estimate to support these judgments.

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If you approve, I will request that the appropriate people begin preparation of the unclassified estimate after the classified version has been approved by NFIR.

  
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NIO for S&T

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